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Ms. Barbara O'Grady
Colorado Department of Public Health
and the Environment
Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246

Re: Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70
Site; Request for PAX Sample

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for providing the information regarding your intended analyses for a sample of the arsenical herbicide PAX. We have reviewed this information along with your comments on EPA's draft Project Plan for the Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70 Site Pilot Scale Soil Characterization Study.

We believe that the interests of both EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) will be best served by performing your requested analyses under a sampling plan with clear objectives and a Quality Assurance Project Plan. This will ensure that the results are of the highest achievable quality. Accordingly, EPA agrees to perform the speciation and general mineral characterization as requested by CDPHE as part of our pilot study. This work will be performed first and once quality assured, the results will be immediately available to all interested parties. It is EPA's intention to interpret these results in light of the results of all the analyses specified in the final project plan.

We look forward to working with you to finalize the pilot study project plan so this important study may begin shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Lavelle".

Bonnie Lavelle
Remedial Project Manager



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